THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Labour Reforms

556. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Statesman' dated the 12th October, 2001 under the caption "Sharad Jolt to labour reforms";

(b) if so, the objections raised regarding the proposed labour reforms;

(c) the report of the Committee of Secretaries in the matter; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken to amend the relevant Acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Review/updation of Labour Laws is a continuous process in order to make them in tune with the prevailing situation and emerging needs. Taking into consideration the emerging global economic situation and particularly after the introduction of new economic policy in 1991 by the Government of India, the need has been felt to make amendments in certain labour legislations so as to bring them in tune with the market oriented economy giving the domestic industry a level playing field to face the global competition. The Government have also set up the Second National Commission on Labour on 15.10.1999. The Commission would *inter-alia* take into account the emerging economic environment involving rapid technological changes, globalisation of economy, liberalization of trade and industry, emphasis on international competitiveness and also the need for bringing the existing laws in tune with the future labour market needs and demands. The report of the Commission is expected by 15.02.2002.

Selection of tribal candidates for IAS/IPS/IFS

557. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal candidates selected for IAS/IPS/IFS cadres during the last three years, year-wise and cadre-wise;

(b) the number of tribal candidates selected for the next year training; and

(c) the number of tribal officers posted to the highest ranks in the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The requisite information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) After appointment to the service-foundation, professional and in-service training is being imparted to all the officers, irrespective of the category. Further, one S.T., I.A.S. officer has been nominated/selected for M.B.A. Course in Australia in 2002.

(c) As on 16.11.2001, 2 officers belonging to Scheduled Tribe are holding the posts of Secretary or Secretary equivalent to Government of India.

Statement

The cadre-wise number of tribal candidates selected during the last three years

Service	1998 Examination	Cadre	1999 Examination	Cadre	2000 Examination	Cadre
Indian Administrative Service	3	1-West Bengal 1-Maharashtra 1-Tamil Nadu	4	1-Bihar 1-Assam-Meghalaya 1-Manipur-Tripura 1-Orissa	5	1-Andhra Pradesh 1-Madhya Pradesh 1-Tamil Nadu 1-Himachal Pradesh 1-Manipur-Tripura
Indian Police Service	3	1-Manipur-Tripura 1-Rajasthan 1-Gujarat	3	1-Manipur-Tripura 1-Jammu & Kashmir 1-Rajasthan	4	1-Andhra Pradesh 1-Tamil Nadu 2-Manipur-Tripura
Indian Foreign Service	1	Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable